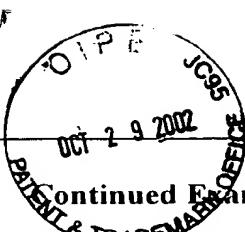


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Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/712,654
Filing Date	November 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Ramesh Gupta et al
Attorney Docket Number	ECB-0010
Examiner Name	Basia Anna Ridley
Confirmation Number	4644
Group Art Unit	1764
Family Number	P1999J032-US2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____
- 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature	<u>George B. Georgellis</u>	Date	<u>October 18, 2002</u>

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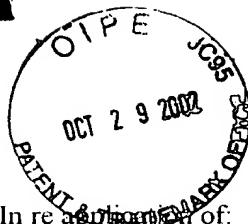
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

In re application of: Ramesh Gupta et al
U. S. Serial No.: 09/712,654
Filed: November 14, 2000
For: A METHOD FOR EXTENDING
OPERATING LIFE OF A FIXED BED
REACTOR

) Before the Examiner
) Basia Anna Ridley
)
) Confirmation Number: 4644
)
) Group Art Unit: 1764
)
) Family Number: P1999J032-US2

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Transmittal herewith is an amendment/response in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made, if and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any changes in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7)
Total Claims	*	Minus	**		x 18.00	
Indep. Claims	*	Minus	***		x 84.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE						\$280.00
FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Higher Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The total fee for this Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 and RCE, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$740.00.

Charge \$ 740.00 to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.

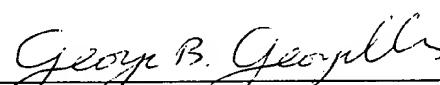
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.
A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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